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## Bus Riders Pack Council Room To Fight for their Bus Routes

by Bay Woods

At 8 p.m. on Monday, November 17, a C2 bus was scheduled to stop at Crescent and Gardenway in front of Roosevelt Center. At 8:20 an R12 bus had a scheduled stop on the other side of the same intersection. Most of the passengers on these two buses probably were unaware that at that very time the fate of these two lines was being debated in the council room of the brick Municipal Building only a block away.

But many Greenbelt residents did. Around 30 people, many of whom being a part of an “amorphous group” as it was repeatedly called, attended the city council’s work session on Transportation Land-Use Connections (TLC) and Prince George’s County’s controversial Transportation Service and Operations Plan (TSOP) which could eliminate parts of the R12 and the C2 bus routes. Also attending were City Manager Michael McLaughlin, three representatives from the county, including Brian Madison representing County Councilmember Ingrid Turner, and Victor Weissberg, special assistant to the director for the Department of Public Works and Transportation.

The TSOP was introduced earlier this year just after Councilmember Konrad Herling helped secure a Council of Governments grant for another study

of transportation in Greenbelt. The consulting firm was Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. The study, Maximizing Transit Opportunities, evaluates the existing service provided in the city in addition to existing and future transit needs to identify if there are opportunities to make improvements that will result in better service in the city.

Terri Hruby, assistant planning director, delivered a digital presentation explaining the study to council. She presented the first part of the report – focusing on existing service – while acknowledging that most of the public interest centered on the recommendations. Changes are proposed by the county to Metrobus routes C2, R12, and T14 and TheBus route 11.

Hruby referred attendees to the city’s website to inspect the correspondence between the city and the county on this issue. She characterized the county’s position as one where Greenbelt wouldn’t “end up with a reduction of service but with equal or enhanced service.”

### Citizen Comments

The audience listened respectfully to Hruby’s presentation, but before she could finish, a line had formed at the microphone for citizen comments.

Greenbelt resident Anna Socrates said that the C2, upon

which she relies, was “not just a line on the map but a lifeline.”

John Stith, a member of the amorphous group, spoke authoritatively, saying he had spent some time rearranging the routes to improve service at no additional cost. He had submitted plans to both the city and the county prior to the meeting. Weissberg privately thanked Stith when he returned to his seat and complimented him on his proposals. The two exchanged cards.

Later when Hruby mentioned a “transit coordinator” to oversee the various agencies responsible for public transportation in Greenbelt, other attendees pointed at Stith from their seats. Another person publicly urged both the city and the county to listen to Stith’s comments and Mayor Judith Davis, laughing, referred to him in connection with the coordinator position. “My two-year-old is my transit situation,” Stith said, demurring.

Terry Umzetti referred to the high price and eventual shortage of oil and the environmental crisis, saying, “We’re in the stage of meteorologists warning about Katrina.” Umzetti, like many others, presented public transportation in Greenbelt as a moral issue.

Citizens and council agreed on the need for a city circulator

See **BUS ROUTES**, page 10

## American Education Week November 16 to 22, 2008

## Local Schools Celebrate American Education Week

by Mary Moien

November 16-22 is American Education Week. Schools in Greenbelt and throughout the country use this week to remind citizens of the importance of public education. “Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility,” the National Education Association’s (NEA) 87th annual celebration, spotlights the importance of providing every child in America with a quality public education from kindergarten through college and the need for everyone to do his or her part.

All Greenbelt schools will be having celebrations this week. Many will host open houses for parents and grandparents. Both Springhill Lake and Greenbelt Elementary Schools will host honor roll assemblies and emphasize science, with Springhill Lake having a special science exhibit one evening and Greenbelt Elementary School organizing a parent science experiment night. Eleanor

Roosevelt High School PTSA will host tea and cake one afternoon to show their appreciation for teachers and staff.

For almost 90 years, American Education Week has been celebrated by the NEA with the U.S. Department of Education and many national organizations including the National PTA and the American Federation of Teachers. The original resolution from 1921 called for observances “in all communities . . . and to secure the cooperation and support of the public.”

In coming issues, the News Review will highlight interviews with teachers from each school in the city as well as those which serve a number of Greenbelt students, such as Magnolia Elementary School. The paper is dedicated to providing information throughout the year on local schools, teachers, students and activities to ensure that the community is involved in local education.

## Legislative Caucus Rallies For Purple Line Creation

by Kellie Woodhouse

Despite setbacks in state funding, Prince George’s County delegate Tawanna Gaines, who chairs the state House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and the Environment, is taking action to strengthen federal support for the Purple Line by co-founding the Purple Line Legislative Caucus, which is holding rallies to educate citizens about the light-rail’s proposed value for Prince George’s County commuters.

At a press conference at New Carrollton on November 14, Montgomery County delegate Bill Bronrott and Gaines, a representative from District 22 which includes Greenbelt, advocated for the caucus and stressed the importance of the east-west light railway for low-income citizens.

The November 14 rally follows an October 24 conference where Maryland Transportation

Secretary John Porcari joined the two delegates to announce the caucus’s formation and it precedes the first of four Purple Line hearings in Prince George’s County.

### Transit Option

The Purple Line is a proposed speedy transit option that would run 16 miles inside and parallel to the Beltway and link the Bethesda, Silver Spring, Takoma Park, College Park and New Carrollton suburbs.

Prince George’s County is one of the most transit dependent and ethnically diverse populations in Maryland and state and county officials, including Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis, have almost unanimously advocated for the Purple Line.

“We have formed the Purple Line Legislative Caucus to unify

See **PURPLE LINE**, page 6

## If You Want to Work at NASA . . . Education, Persistence Needed

by Megan Gustafson

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has a bit of a mystique. For anyone who’s seen the movie “Apollo 13” and remembers the famous line, “Houston, we have a problem,” there’s that wonder about and admiration of a group of people who have more education and degrees than most of us can imagine.

Who are the people who work for NASA? How did they get there? What is it like and what does it take to enter that world? I spoke with three highly educated young men who work at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt about their jobs and asked how they got them.

Read on for some insider tips on getting in at NASA:

### Tip One: Follow the money and the right people.

Matt Smith’s path to NASA began while he was a graduate student at the University of Maryland working on a project in the Geography Department

mainly funded through NASA. According to Smith, “There’s a pretty big collaboration [between the University of Maryland and NASA]. People are going back and forth all the time.” Career-wise Smith remarked he “always looked to working at NASA as a possibility.”

As for other job opportunities, geographers can work for engineering firms or for the Environmental Protection Agency as consultants. “There are some business-sector jobs but not many,” he explained.

There are also opportunities for geographers working for the government in intelligence, such as with the CIA, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency or the military. However, “all require a security clearance and sacrifice in terms of privacy,” Smith added.

When a spot opened up at NASA on a project in the same field as one he was working on at Maryland, Smith was notified of it through a friend from



Matt Smith

PHOTO BY JOE NIGRO

graduate school already working there and who passed along his resume. He interviewed soon after, he said, and he fit right in. After a 45-minute interview that he described as “pretty informal,” Smith was offered the position.

### Investigation

At NASA, in contrast to the military and intelligence sectors,

See **NASA JOBS**, page 12

## What Goes On

### Monday, November 24

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

### Thursday, November 27

9 a.m., 2008 Gobble Wobble Race, Starting Line on Path beside Braden Field Tennis Courts

Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28 – City and GHI Offices closed in observance of Thanksgiving.



Letters

Thanks

Thanks to all who donated blood on November 14 at the Greenbelt Community Center on a cold rainy day. The blood collected at the drive will help the American Red Cross continue its service in the face of the nation’s severe blood shortage. Thanks also to the Red Cross personnel and volunteers for their outstanding service.

The next scheduled blood drive is Friday, March 6, 2009, from 12:30. to 6 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Those not contacted by the Red Cross may call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212 to make an appointment. Walk-ins will be accepted to fill spaces for people who do not appear for their appointments.

Janet Goldberg  
Recreation Coordinator

WSSC Issues Holiday Grease Disposal Plea

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) asks that after people have eaten their Thanksgiving meal and before the tryptophan kicks in, everyone should take a few moments to properly dispose of all the greasy cooking remnants from the holiday feast, including meat fats, oils, shortening, butter, margarine, food scraps, sauces and dairy products.

When grease goes down the drain, it collects in the pipes, hardens and next the back-ups begin. Sewage ends up in the basement, which can lead to costly plumbing problems for homeowners. Grease blockages also cause manholes to overflow, sending sewage into streams and ultimately to the Chesapeake Bay. These situations pose a public health risk and hurt the environment.

WSSC suggests the following tips:

- Pour cooled grease into cans and dispose of it in the trash;
- Never pour grease down sinks or toilets;
- Scrape grease and food scraps into the trash;
- Put baskets or strainers in sinks to catch food scraps and empty them in the trash.

As well, some de-greasing products may simply pass blockages down the line and cause problems elsewhere; and home garbage disposals do not protect the plumbing system from grease.

Holiday Deadline – Monday, Nov. 24

As with all of us, the facility that prints the paper will be giving thanks on Thanksgiving Day next Thursday, November 27. Therefore the paper will have to be completed one day early.


Next week’s deadline is Monday, November 24. All ads, articles, photos, contributions need to be submitted early and must reach us no later than Monday to be included in next week’s issue. Any material received after Monday evening will be held for the December 4 issue.

The office will be open only on Monday, November 24 from 2 to 4 and 8 to 10 p.m.

Please help assure the Thanksgiving holiday issue of the paper contains all the news and messages needed by the community – send Thanksgiving Week materials as soon as possible, definitely no later than Monday.

Hay K. Lee Is Called “Social Director” of Aquatic Center

by May-Lily Lee



Hay K. Lee

It’s a little after 6 o’clock on Monday morning and 87-year-old Hay K. Lee, Sr., wearing a Brew Crew T-shirt and carrying a modest gym bag, walks into the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center. Lee, the social director, is ready to make connections. Lee’s workout is one part fitness, two parts social as he busily introduces members and regales them as usual with news and updates about each other.

“Cindy was a lawyer, one of the first female lawyers,” Lee tells a listener in a multi-part oral history about one of his pool mates. Lee is also an avid “clipper”; he saves newspaper articles for just the right would-be reader. “Don’t forget to read that article about bad bosses,” he reminds one of his clan, sounding like a PR agent for a Big Four firm, sans a Big Four ego.

“He talks to everybody. He’s a real diplomat,” says Virginia McCauley, a Goddard Space Flight Center contractor and friend who volunteers her time helping Lee. “He remembers nearly everybody’s name and what they do . . . and he opens up the pool to everybody; if it weren’t for him I wouldn’t know Beth and Beth wouldn’t know Jenny.”

To the Greenbelt resident, the spa is a font of friendships and a regular destination since 1990 when he and his wife, Lu Lee, moved here from Laurel. In 1999 after she died, the Aquatic Center continued to provide him with friends of all generations.

One member with a bedridden spouse had recently undergone hip replacement surgery. Lee and McCauley paid a visit, dropping off chicken from the Amish market. When “Clark Gable” (his nickname for a local actor) suffered a collapsed lung, Lee brought flowers and balloons to the hospital. “He wanted to take him stuff. That’s just how he is,” observes McCauley.

One of his longest-running friendships is with fellow swimmer and U.S. Navy Commander Beth Osborne. “He’s the bright spot of our day at the spa . . . we adore him,” says Osborne, who has known Lee for about a decade.

“I saw her run in a couple of marathons,” boasts Lee, bursting with pride. Their friendship has garnered group road trips, like the Don Ho Show in Pennsylvania, Chinese family dim

sums and close ties to Osborne’s family. “Some days I don’t think that I would go to the spa except that I know if I don’t show up I’d have to be accountable,” says Osborne. “It’s almost worse than going to work. He’ll notice more that I’m not at the spa than co-workers notice I’m not at work.”

**Be Nice**

Be nice to everybody is Lee’s mantra, which he is known to belt out in his exuberant trademark tone suggesting every minute is a gift. Fellow swimmer Jack Katz concurs. “He always has that big friendly hello. And it makes you feel good in the morning. He has a youthful attitude about all of life. He just seems excited about living, which is really fun to be around,” says Katz.

“He makes conversation with everybody and anybody,” Aquatic Center Manager Stephen Parks observes. “His biggest thing is if you’re a new person, be prepared to be interviewed. Give him all the information and he’ll remember it to a tee.”

Cindy Rosenberg was a newcomer whom Lee welcomed, even accompanying her shopping. “He’s very generous...he used to go with me or let me use his card [when I didn’t have mine] so I could buy things at Costco,” gushes Rosenberg, adding, “He introduced me to so many people I now know.”

Lee was born in Washington, D.C., but spent about six years of his childhood in a farming village in Hoisin, China. It was there, in the early 1930s, that he started swimming in the village pond. “Once you learn how to breathe it’s very easy. I used to go for long distances,” Lee reminisces.

After moving to Buffalo, N.Y., as a teenager in 1935, he joined the YMCA to take up swimming there. But his roots have always been here in the D.C. area. Before he was born (on November 10, 1921), his grandfather owned a laundry next to Ford’s Theatre, and at Fort Myer Lee served as an Army chauffeur during World War II.

Lee accelerated his swimming regimen when he retired from Goddard Space Flight Center as chief engineer of the power plant

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OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF Nov. 21

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas (PG-13)

Friday

\*5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Saturday

\*3:15, \*5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Sunday

\*3:15, \*5:15, 7:30

Monday - Thursday

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On Screen

“Boy in the Striped Pajamas”

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas is Shmuel, a child in a concentration camp who is befriended by Bruno, the son of the camp’s commandant. The story is told from Bruno’s point of view, with his sometimes limited understanding of what he is seeing. For example, the camp is never explicitly identified – the viewers and Bruno know it only as “Out-with” and Bruno thinks his dad works for “the Fury.”

Director Mark Herman aimed to stay true to John Boyne’s book of the same title on which the movie is based; Herman and Boyne wrote the screenplay together. While the main character is only nine years old, the book was written for “young adults” and the movie is rated PG-13 for mature themes. Many of the actors are making their debut in this film, but Harry Potter fans will recognize David Thewlis, who plays Bruno’s father, from his portrayal of Remus Lupin. Runtime is 93 minutes.

– Cathy Jones

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.

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# Community Events

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for November 24 through 28 include:

Monday – Vegetable soup, baked tilapia with lemon butter, home fried potatoes, Brussels sprouts, strawberry parfait.

Tuesday – Orange juice, roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce.

Wednesday – Minestrone soup, cold cut sub, pasta salad, oatmeal cookies.

Thursday and Friday – All sites closed for Thanksgiving holiday.

## GHI Notes

Scheduled Meetings:  
**Wednesday, November 26, 7 p.m.** - Buildings Committee, GHI Board Room

**Thursday, November 27,** Thanksgiving Day – GHI Offices Closed.

**Friday, November 28** - Day After Thanksgiving – GHI Offices Closed.

**Monday, December 1, 7:30 p.m.** - Companion Animal Grief Support Group, GHI Library

**Tuesday, December 2, 7 p.m.** - Greener Greenbelt Initiative Committee, GHI Board Room

**Wednesday, December 3, 7 p.m.** - Member & Community Relations Committee, GHI Board Room

**Thursday, December 4, 7:30 p.m.** - Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

**Saturday, December 6, 11 a.m.** – Pre-purchase Orientation, GHI Board Room

## Astronomical Star Party on Saturday

On Saturday November 22 Astronomical Society members will hold a star party at Northway Field. Members of the society will begin to set up to view the moon and other celestial objects at approximately 6:00 p.m. In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies the event will be cancelled without further notice.

More information is available at [www.greenbeltastro.org/events\\_shtml](http://www.greenbeltastro.org/events_shtml).

## At the Library

The library will be closed on November 27 for Thanksgiving.

### Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, November 25, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, November 26, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, November 27 – Closed for Thanksgiving.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children’s Desk.

### Audio-Visual

The library now offers entertainment videos and DVDs free of charge on an adult library card for two days, Monday through Thursday. Items checked out Friday are not due until Monday. Information videos and DVDs may be borrowed for up to three weeks and renewed once. Borrow up to six videos at a time.

On the library Web site at [www.pgcmis.info](http://www.pgcmis.info), patrons may click on the Download Ebook tab and explore the Ebooks collection. A variety of fiction and non-fiction titles may be downloaded to any PC or supported PDA for 21 days using Adobe Reader.

Hundreds of hours of free DVD-quality programming such as cooking, travel, health programs, classic movies and more can be downloaded to a personal computer using the Download Movies tab. A valid Prince George’s County Memorial Library card is required for downloads.

## Co-op Needs Updated Member Information

Co-op members are reminded that updated account information is needed for any changes in mailing address or status. “The patronage refund process is starting soon,” said Board Chair Dorrie Bates “and current addresses need to be on file so members can receive refund vouchers.”

Vouchers are usually mailed out in early December. Form 1099s are sent in the first quarter of 2009 to members who received more than \$10 in interest in the past year. Members can change contact information by filling out a form available at the store office or by sending an e-mail to [membership@greenbelt.coop](mailto:membership@greenbelt.coop).

## New Deal Café Art Reception Dec. 7

The New Deal Café invites all to an art reception

Sunday, December 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. View the two shows hanging in the cafe, meet the artists, enjoy the hors d’oeuvres and drinks with Amy C. Kraft on piano. Drinks are regularly priced but attendance is free.

Artist Paul Downs has many new works in his show “Up From The Roots.” He uses natural objects, wood and sticks as his medium, arranging them into representational images. When he walks in the woods, Downs finds himself inspired by the designs and shapes he sees all around.

Another familiar face here, artist Eileen S. Murray of Riverdale, has a variety of her new works in mixed media, as well as a collaborative work with visual artist Gary Jimerfield. Murray’s show is entitled “Refining of Self.” She says that her award-winning work is often inspired by music from locals like Jack Couldn’t Make It, Michelle Murray, the late Anne Sucher and others like Jim Croce and Trans-Siberian Orchestra. Art by Mondrian, F.L. Wright and Magritte have influence Murray as well.

This event, produced by the New Deal Café, is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Cafe with a supporting grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation.



## Postal Services Available

Limited postal services are now available in the Municipal Building Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



## Holy Cross Thrift Store

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## Group Offers Caregiver Support

A free support group is offered the fourth Tuesday of every month on the first floor of the Greenbelt Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road. For more information contact Christal Batey at 301-474-8000 or email [cbatey@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:cbatey@greenbeltnmd.gov). This support is designed for participants caring for older adult family members or friends with dementia or other health-related conditions.

## New Deal Café Music Offering for this Week

On Friday, November 21 from 8 to 11 p.m. join the monthly a cappella showcase with Euphonism and Kismet.

On Saturday, November 22 from 3 to 6 p.m., come enjoy free jazz with the Phil Clark Group; and from 8 to 11 p.m. “Starlight Shimmy” performs Middle Eastern dance.

On Sunday, November 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., enjoy brunch and light lute music with Jim Stimson; and from 3 to 6 p.m., bring an instrument and join the Irish Music Session.

On Tuesday, November 25 from 7 to 9 p.m., rock out with the World Jam Club, including a classically trained violinist from Bolivia, a classical guitarist and a world music percussionist.

On Wednesday, November 26 from 7 to 9 p.m., Dennis Botzer plays Irish piano tunes.

The café is closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 27 – happy holidays!

Visit [www.newdealcafe.com](http://www.newdealcafe.com) or call 301-474-5642 for details.

## Schools to Close For Inauguration

The Prince George’s County Board of Education has unanimously approved a resolution to close the County’s public schools and offices for Inauguration Day on Tuesday, January 20, 2009, without extending the school year.

With the first African American president of the United States of America to be inaugurated, said Chair Verjeana M. Jacobs. “The Board of Education wanted to provide an opportunity for families to witness this historical event, and for students to be a part of history rather than simply reading about it.”

Monday, January 19 is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, when the schools are also closed, so students will have a four-day week-end for these celebrations.

## Art Exhibitions On Display

Two exhibitions are currently on view around the city. At the Aquatic and Fitness Center is “In the Footsteps of the W.P.A.” Instructor David Ashman and Greenbelt Recreation Department photography students offer their views of contemporary American lives and culture. This exhibition continues through December 7 and contains several images printed at the Community Center darkroom.

At the Community Center Art Gallery is “Civil Defense – Sculpture” by David Page. A brochure is available at the gallery. This indoor show continues through December 12.

## The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club 2009 BASKETBALL REGISTRATION



Greenbelt Youth Center • 99 Centerway Drive

Tuesdays in November

7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

*\*Additional dates to follow*

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Proceeds benefit the GBC "Living Proof" Youtz Group

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## NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS



## FALL GUTTER CLEANING PROGRAM

Hearn Insulation Company will begin the 2008 Fall Gutter Cleaning on **December 1**, weather permitting. The process will take approximately 1 month to complete. During that time, workers may appear at your building, at doors and windows. Please close your shades to preserve your privacy.

Please contact Peter Joseph at (301) 474-4161 ext. 141 if you have any questions or comments.



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CLOSING THIS WEEKEND  
at the Greenbelt Arts Center

## THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW

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Choreography by Denise A. Levien

**Nov. 21 and 22 at 8pm**

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### Our Neighbors

Congratulations to the teachers, students and staff of the three schools serving Greenbelt youngsters – Greenbelt Elementary School, Robert Goddard French Immersion and Robert Goddard Montessori – that were recognized as exemplary schools, where reading and/or math overall proficiency and advanced percentages were 80 percent or higher in 2008.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Springhill Lake/Empirian Village.) To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at [newsreview@greenbelt.com](mailto:newsreview@greenbelt.com) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

### Greenbelter Malkin In Post Column

Sunday's column by Washington Post columnist Marc Fisher is worth a read. His subject, former Greenbelter Leon Malkin, 98, quotes lines from a poem he wrote: "When winter comes and harsh winds blow, we mortals are like leaves on a tree that wither and fall away." Then, Malkin tells him: "I think of myself as a leaf."

Does anyone remember Malkin? In Fisher's chat with a group of seniors while they were bowling, he learns that "during the Depression, [Malkin's] was one of the pioneer families in the suburban utopia of Greenbelt, which he had to move out of when he got a federal promotion, bumping his salary over the limit for a community designed for the working man."

He and his wife live in Leisure World. "We moved to Leisure World waiting to die," Fisher quotes Malkin. "Then, he didn't." Malkin's current project is "to reread Gibbon's Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, which Malkin says he 'took up again because I think that's what's happening to us now.'"

Too bad Malkin had to move out; Greenbelt lost an interesting resident.

**Prince George's County's The Bus**

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Catholic Community of Greenbelt

SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM  
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SERVE BREAKFAST AT S.O.M.E.

Sunday, November 30  
Meet at St. Hugh's School  
Parking Lot, 6:00 AM

### Celebrate with Live Turkeys this Weekend

Looking for something fun to do this weekend? Want to celebrate Thanksgiving a bit early? Try celebrating Thanksgiving with the turkeys on Saturday, November 22, from noon to 4 p.m. at Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary in Poolesville.

Join the sanctuary's eight friendly turkeys and all their friends in celebrating a Thanksgiving potluck. Bring a vegan (no meat, dairy, or eggs) dinner or dessert item to serve eight. There is a suggested donation to benefit the animals. There is no charge for children under 16.

For more information, visit [www.animalsanctuary.org/events/index.html](http://www.animalsanctuary.org/events/index.html).

### Hospice to Offer Hope Full Holidays

Hospice of the Chesapeake's Spiritual & Bereavement Care Center is offering "Hope Full Holidays," a one-session seminar on Saturday, November 22 to help those grieving learn coping strategies for the upcoming holiday season. The seminar will provide small-group activities and information about self-care techniques.

A team of hospice bereavement counselors will present the seminar for adults from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hospice of the Chesapeake office, 8724 Jericho City Drive in Landover. There is a fee and pre-registration is requested. Contact Roberta Rook at 301-499-4500 or [rrook@hospicechesapeake.org](mailto:rrook@hospicechesapeake.org).

### Thanksgiving Skate In College Park

The Herbert Wells Ice Rink in College Park is hosting a Thanksgiving Skate on Thanksgiving Day from 12 to 2 p.m. A Super Saver price includes skates and admission for residents.



### Open Rehearsal Held By Guarneri Quartet

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***Happy Thanksgiving from  
the City of Greenbelt!***



City Notes

Animal Control took one cat into custody and arranged for one cat and two dogs to be adopted.

Code Enforcement staff inspected six rental properties and re-inspected four. Staff received three new complaints. One involved mold/mildew, another reported deplorable conditions in a common area and the third involved electrical issues and possible infestation. Ten prior complaints were re-inspected.

Staff also met with the CFO of Empirian Village regarding current conditions of the property, abatement of violation notices and redevelopment.

Public Works staff removed unauthorized signs and graffiti during two days this week. It also moved the speed sentries and installed a navigator to control traffic on Cherrywood Lane.

Refuse and Recycling staff collected 32.61 tons of refuse and 16.34 tons of co-mingled recyclable materials. It also looked through the recycling bins in all the city routes and one contractual route to determine winners of the Recycle Right Contest to celebrate America Recycles Day and made preparations for the awards presentation on November 24.

Recreation staff met with a tennis court refurbishment and lighting contractor to review the tennis court improvement project.

The winter 2009 recreation programs/classes brochure is finalized and at the printer. Residents will have first priority to register now through December 14. Nonresident registration will begin the week of December 15. Classes are scheduled to begin the week of January 5, 2009.

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Prince George’s and Montgomery Counties and assert our combined clout and influence in Annapolis and within our respective communities and districts to ensure this project’s timely and favorable consideration, high priority treatment by the state and ultimate funding approval by the Federal Transit Administration,” said Gaines at the October 24 conference. In September, the Maryland Transit Administration slashed funding for the Purple Line, which is estimated to cost up to \$1.6 billion, by more than \$25 million over a six-year period.

Since then, continuing development of the Purple Line has seesawed. State transportation budgets in Prince George’s County have become scant after funding for the Intercounty Connector, Route 1 improvements and Metro station renovations have spread state resources thin.

**Federal Funding?**

To alleviate the monetary burden, the caucus will try to shift some of the financial responsibility for the project from the state to the federal government. Gaines said that the caucus is going to lobby for a federal earmark to replace the funds cut by the state.

However, many transportation projects are competing for a slim amount of federal funds. Federal law requires that the Purple Line’s sponsors consider the possible impact on the environment and the existing transit system that the light rail would have. For example, developing the Purple Line would mean eliminating three to 12 residential neighborhoods and

running the railway through already existing neighborhoods, leaving many residents worried about noise and the system’s effects on the neighborhoods’ character.

To alleviate some of the negative effects the Purple Line would have, sponsors have considered making it a bus-rapid transit. As a bus system, the Purple Line would be less obtrusive and slightly more cost efficient. However, the bus system is less attractive to many Purple Line sponsors because it would significantly increase the end-to-end travel time, which with the light-rail system is projected to be 50 minutes at an average speed of 19 miles per hour.

Although the caucus does not think federal funding is a sure thing, it is highly optimistic that the government will see the need for an inexpensive east-west light-rail transit option.

**A Priority**

“You have to have a priority of what you want,” Gaines said. “The funding would come from the government and the Purple Line is a priority for them.”

Gaines said that the east-west option is necessary if Prince George’s and Montgomery Counties are going to remain accessible Washington suburbs, adding that the transit way will “help low-income people get back and forth to work,” facilitate social involvement within communities and keep cars off the road.

In a mid-October letter to Porcari, Davis petitioned for the Purple Line on the Greenbelt City Council’s behalf. While trying

to dissuade Porcari from funding the ICC, she wrote that the Purple Line was one of the major projects that “would have positive impacts on the transportation situation.”

Davis, along with other mayors and councilmembers from New Carrollton, Riverdale Park,

Berwyn Heights and Greenbelt, attended the rally to show support for the Purple Line.

At the October 24 conference, Porcari called the caucus a “real milestone” that will put the Purple Line in a “very strong position to compete [for] federal funding.”

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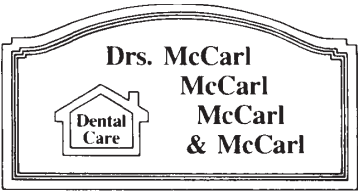


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# Police Blotter

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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

## Robberies

November 6, 3:54 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a man took the purse from a woman's shoulder while inside an apartment building and then fled the scene on foot. The purse was recovered nearby with the woman's cell phone and money missing. The suspect is described as a black male, 20 to 25 years of age, 6'2", 160 pounds with a medium complexion, wearing a white shirt and dark-colored pants.

November 6, 4:44 p.m., Lakeside Drive and Westway, a man was punched from behind as he was about to enter his vehicle. A man then took the victim's iPod and fled the scene. The suspect is described as a black male, 5'8" to 5'9", 150 to 160 pounds with black hair in braids, brown eyes and a dark complexion, wearing a black leather jacket and blue jeans.

November 6, 6:10 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a person was robbed by two young men; a gun was implied but not displayed. After obtaining money both young men fled the scene on foot. The suspects are described as a black male, 17 to 19 years of age, 5'10", 160 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a red leather coat with black stripes on the back; and a black male, 17 to 19 years of age, 5'10", 160 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a black T-shirt and a black baseball type cap.

November 6, 7 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, two men attempted to rob a person at gunpoint. They saw a police cruiser driving by and both men fled the scene on foot. A K9 search for the suspects was conducted with negative results. The suspects are described as a black male, 5'6" to 5'7", 165 to 167 pounds with a stocky build, wearing all black clothing and a ski-type mask; and a black male, 5'5", 150 pounds, wearing all black clothing and a ski-type mask.

November 6, 9:51 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a man approached a woman as she was exiting her vehicle and robbed her at gunpoint, taking her purse, wallet and shopping bag. There is no definitive description of the suspect.

November 7, 6:31 p.m., 100 block Westway, four young men approached two people from behind and knocked them to the ground, taking a wallet and a cell phone; the men then fled the scene on foot. The suspects are described as four black males, all 16 to 20 years of age. One was 5'10" to 6', 200 to 250 pounds, wearing a black skull-type hat and a black sweatshirt.

November 13, Spellman Over-

pass, a young man approached a person and demanded his cell phone. He then grabbed the phone from the victim's hand and fled the scene on foot. The suspect is described as a black male, 15 to 17 years of age, wearing a striped hat.

## Assault

November 6, 3:35 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, two resident youths were arrested for assault and were released to their parents pending action by the juvenile justice system.

## Drug Arrest

November 9, 4:25 p.m., 7600 block Greenbelt Road, a non-resident man was arrested for possession of marijuana. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Theft

November 6, 8:03 a.m., Greenbelt Road and 63rd Avenue, a nonresident man was arrested for theft after a traffic stop and was released on citation pending trial.

## Trespass

November 7, 3:39 p.m., 7200 block Hanover Drive, a nonresident woman was arrested for trespass and was released on citation pending trial.

## Vandalism

November 7, 9:57 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, unknown person(s) used a BB-type gun to shoot at the sliding glass door of a residence.

November 8, 4:41 p.m., Buddy Attick Park, unknown person(s) spray painted graffiti under the bridge at the spillway.

November 8, 10:05 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, unknown person(s) used a BB-type gun to shoot out the bedroom window of a residence.

November 9, 2:20 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, unknown person(s) used a BB-type gun to shoot out the bedroom window of a residence.

## Burglaries

November 6, 3:37 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road, jewelry and documents were reported as taken.

November 7, 7:55 a.m., 11 Parkway, an attempted burglary was reported.

November 10, 11:21 p.m., 200 block Westway, it was reported that a digital camera was taken.

November 11, 9:35 a.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, jewelry and watches were reported as taken.

November 13, 10:59 p.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway, it was reported that computer equipment and cash were taken.

## Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported as stolen: a blue 1999 Jeep Cherokee, Maryland tags 704M893 from the 8300 block Canning Terrace; a 1990 Honda

Civic from the 36 Court Ridge Road; a 2002 Ford E250 truck from the 5900 block Cherrywood Lane; and a brown 2000 Jeep Cherokee, Maryland tags 430M651 from the 6900 block Hanover Parkway.

Two vehicles were recovered by Greenbelt police and two were recovered by outside departments. No arrests were made in any recovery.

One vandalism (broken windows) was reported in the 9100 block Edmonston Road.

Theft from vehicles occurred at: 7200 block Hanover Drive (GPS); 6000 block Springhill Drive (wallet, CDs, cash); 8300 block Canning Terrace (front tag); 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive (DVD/CD player); Greenway Center (rear tag); 6900 block Hanover Parkway (rear tag); 5900 block Cherrywood Lane (painting equipment); Beltway Plaza (three incidents - rear tag, wallet, GPS, TV); 14 Court Ridge Road (CDs, iPod, GPS, watch); 12 Lakecrest Circle (flashlight, documents); and 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (tire, rim).

Attempted theft from vehicles was reported at the 5900 block Greenbelt Road and the 6100 block Breezewood Court.

# Fire Department Open House Provides Fun with a Purpose



The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad held an open house on October 25 which drew a lot of interest in the community services offered there. At left, Jordan Mangino, Noah Mangino and Matthew Baravechia enjoy their new helmets and watch demonstrations.

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bus route, which Mayor Davis said the city had been considering creating before the county's The-Bus started running. She said the city may still consider creating its own circulator line.

The meeting illustrated the complexities surrounding modern transportation. In addition to concerns about fuel and the environment, the recent economic downturn colored the tone of the meeting. On the one hand, many thought the economic situation would create a greater need for public transportation as fewer could afford to drive. On the other hand, state, county and city also face great economic challenges that make increased service difficult.

Both Mayor Davis and Weissberg stressed that there would be public hearings before any changes went through.

Councilmember Edward Putens encouraged the amorphous group to attend hearings, saying that the Prince George's County Council gets sick of hearing from politicians at those meetings, "but they love hearing from citizens."

The county's TSOP plan, the TLC study and all public communications between the City of Greenbelt and Prince George's County are available on the city's website, [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov).



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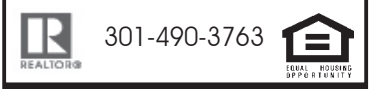
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# Three Arts Organizations Showcase Their Works

by David M. Johnson

The second-ever Art Walk, sponsored by three organizations around Roosevelt Center, took place on Thursday, October 16. New Deal Café, Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) and Greenbelt Community Center teamed up once again to offer a variety of art, performances and sneak peeks of things to come for the Greenbelt community.

Supported by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts, all three organizations collaborated to offer guests a unique experience at each stop on the walk, said Kristen Stenson, arts coordinator for New Deal Café.

The theme at New Deal, “Works in Progress,” was an opportunity for the average person to see the variety of ways an artist can accomplish one thing, said Stenson. The show included everything involved in the artistic process from sketches to the final product.

At the show local artist John Drago spoke about the theme and “Impulse,” his most recent contribution to the New Deal Café wall. “The viewer can get more out of a piece if they see where it came from,” said Drago; “with my piece it was a process where I let myself go one night and created something distinctive from my other work.”

Kimberly Keys Stark of Greenbelt had a work entitled “Hope and Unity for Barack Obama” on display beside a preliminary sketch of the same piece. “I do arts and crafts but crafts usually sell better,” said Stark, who also had campaign buttons for sale.

The visual experience at New Deal Café was complemented by the sounds of John Guernsey playing jazz standards on the piano.

## Arts Center Tour

For their portion of the walk, volunteers at GAC offered several treats in the spirit of the upcoming Halloween season. Visitors could first get an intimate backstage tour from Bill Jones, a volunteer producer, director and actor depending on which production one is asking about. Also on hand was Norma Ozur, president of GAC.

“With six productions this year and five scheduled for next year, the center is always looking for ways to raise funds such as the current raffles for cruise getaways,” said Ozur. The Arts Center also offers kids programs led by Chris Cherry in the spring.

After the tour guests could get a look behind the scenes at what a rehearsal looks like as the group geared up for its performance of the cult classic “The Rocky Horror Show,” which premiered October 31 on Halloween at midnight. The black box style theater puts the audience right

on top of the action, which is a plus for actor Steve Backus, who will play Brad in the upcoming “Rocky.” “What I like is the intimacy of the audience during each performance,” he said.

At the final stop of the Art Walk, Greenbelt Community Center offered several different artistic mediums and a sneak peek of its own. In the audio-video room George Kochell was showing a world premiere of three Chris Lynn short films that would be part of the Utopia Film Festival.

“Chris Lynn makes experimental videos that juxtapose cityscapes and landscapes with non-narrative, ambient sound,” said Kochell. The Utopia Film Festival took place the weekend of October 24 to 26, where films were screened at the Community Center and GAC as well as other locations around Greenbelt.

## Dickenson Works

Another artist on display at the Community Center was Melissa Dickenson of Baltimore. She has a wide audience with her work being displayed in the Baltimore Museum of Art, the Rodger Lapelle Galleries in Philadelphia, Thinkspace Galleries in California and D.C. and Youkobo Art Space in Tokyo, Japan.

“This series, ‘Fauna,’ is an investigation into the unique surfaces of Awa-Washi (hand-made Japanese paper) on which I paint and stitch,” said Dickenson. The series was made in 2007 when she was studying in Shikoku, the smallest of the Japanese islands.

Accompanying Dickenson in her gallery was singer-songwriter Maureen Andary who performed original songs and jazz standards on guitar and ukulele.

Some locals came out to the Art Walk just to see the work of their neighbors who are enrolled in the Community Center Journey Program. “I thought it was a nice thing to do, get folks out to see some art. It’s a great idea,” said Manula Fortenberry.

Program head Nicole DeWald, along with the residents of the Journey Program, have an open house the first Sunday of every month.

“The mission is to engage the broader community,” said DeWald. “Artists put their heart and soul into their work and each one leads a community hands-on project for one open house a year.” During one such open house luminaries will be made by community members for the festival of lights in December.

For more events at the New Deal Café check out the website [www.newdealcafe.com](http://www.newdealcafe.com). For general art events around Greenbelt see [www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts).

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in 1980. But after cataract surgery many years later, he damaged a lens while swimming and decided to switch to water aerobics.

## Once a Boxer

As a young man, another of his sports was boxing. “I was never any good,” explains Lee. “You gotta duck fast, you gotta hit fast and they were too fast for me.” Boxing seems a surprising elective activity since Lee is known for his pacifist personality. His family calls him the eagle for his wise comportment.

Last year, when Lee’s brother Shew Kuhn Lee died, Lee donated his only car to Shew Kuhn’s wife. After that, Community Center members volunteered to drive him to the spa, most of all McCauley who takes him three times a week.

But the community outpouring doesn’t stop there. The latest offering? Art work. Lee’s daughter-in-law Debbie Lee found a Chinese wind chime in need of sprucing up. McCauley suggested to Round House Theatre scenic artist Jenny Cockerham that she paint it. The result was a weeks-long project in which Cockerham painstakingly rendered images by hand to each of the chimes’ 10 panels. “I think he is probably one of the sweetest, most open people I have ever met,” asserts Cockerham. “He doesn’t hesitate to say hello and get your name and a little bit about you, which is why everybody knows everybody and we’ve become a big family.”

Lee sees Cockerham’s art work every morning hanging near his Schwinn Airdyne. “I thought it would be one color but she put real art work on it,” says a delighted Lee. It took her as long as three hours to complete each panel, sporting clouds and ladybugs and a host of whimsical touches in miniature. “Jenny does the butterfly stroke like nobody’s business,” Lee adds.

## An Inspiration

Another member, Bounheng Inversin, has invited Lee to many Laotian cultural events. “He’s an inspiration, coming to the pool and being so generous with his time and so cheerful everyday,” she says. “He’s a super dude.”

Over the years Lee’s friends have assisted him in a variety of other ways that he could never have imagined. Goddard contractor John Westberg “fixes everything. You name it, he can fix it,” says Lee. “He fixes my chair, the car, the garage door, the video tape holder . . . he does everything . . . I’m always happy to see him.”

“We love him. Everybody loves Lee,” says John. “He is the social center of our aquatics gathering every morning.”

For Lee’s 85th birthday friends and family gathered at a luncheon at Hollywood East in Wheaton. Dozens attended, including Greenbelt’s Mayor Judith Davis, a fitting appearance since, in addition to his being social director, many refer to Lee as pool mayor.

On this day, after nearly an hour of limbering up in the 190,000-gallon heated pool and soaking in the nearby hot tub, Lee has completed his workout. But still it takes another 20 minutes for him to make his way back to the lobby. After all, there are always more connections to make.

*May-Lily Lee is senior producer/host for Public Television’s “Virginia Currents.” She is Hay K. Lee’s daughter.*



PHOTO BY MATT SMITH

**Joe Nigro recommends persistence. It took two years for him to finally land a permanent job at NASA.**

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Smith had to pass “a pretty thorough federal background investigation” but did not have to obtain an official security clearance.

Smith, now a research scientist, works on a project measuring data collected from certain parts of Africa by NASA-launched satellites to help determine “risk areas” for Rift Valley Fever, a disease the Department of Defense believes could be used as a biological weapon.

As for the work culture at NASA, Smith remarked, “I like the feeling that I’ve escaped the corporate world. It’s informal enough that what you do becomes second nature. My attitude doesn’t change much between my work day and my normal day.”

According to Smith, working at NASA is “definitely cool.” “In my field I can’t imagine any other place that would be as nice.”

## Tip Two: Be doggedly persistent and exploit every opportunity.

Joe Nigro, who has bachelor’s and master’s degrees in archeological science and anthropology respectively, said he had to “jump through hoops” to get a position at NASA.

He was working on a temporary contract at NASA. When that job ended, he sought something else at the agency but no openings were then available. But he co-taught a class for scientists at NASA and took the opportunity to pass out his resumé with the syllabus.

Nigro’s advice is to be patient. It took two years from the time he first made contact with people at NASA to when he started working there, he said.

## Be Persistent

Nigro says to be persistent, as he was: “Contact someone [at NASA]. They’re really nice. If there’s money [for a certain project where you may be needed] and if you prove you’re competent,” you have a shot, he added. Take any opportunity to get involved at NASA, even if it’s as

a volunteer. Nigro said he even played on the volleyball team at Goddard. He advised to get involved in field work – field work provides “good bonding situations.”

“It’s all about exposure and knowledge,” Nigro declared.

## Tip Three: Get extremely educated.

Mike Koss, a graduate researcher at Goddard who is pursuing a Ph.D. in astronomy at the University of Maryland, said he wanted to work at NASA when he moved to the D.C. area but found it was difficult to do with just a bachelor’s degree. NASA places “a lot of emphasis on education level,” Koss explained.

Some are able to get into NASA with less than a master’s degree but generally, he said, you need to get a graduate degree if you want to work in science long term.

However, even a master’s degree might not be enough: “There are people who do a lot of great stuff at NASA who have a master’s but it helps a lot if you have a Ph.D.

As a result, he decided to pursue a Ph.D. and applied to the University of Maryland, in part because of its proximity to the Goddard Space Flight Center. In his application he mentioned that he wanted to work for NASA and was fortunate to receive a fellowship that NASA offers through the university.

Koss was able to take advantage of a mutually beneficial relationship between Goddard and the University of Maryland: “The real benefit for me is that NASA really needs graduate students to do work and I’m fortunate to be at Maryland and very close to a NASA center.”

Working at NASA, he has the opportunities to work on projects that universities might not offer. And at NASA you get to be “kind of your own boss.”

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## Recycling Plastic Film

In their recycling programs the city and county now accept plastic film such as dry cleaning bags, plastic grocery bags, plastic stretch film, and shrink wrap.

Take all of these materials and place them inside one of the plastic bags. Do not put them in the bin loose.



## Interim School Superintendent Named

The Prince George’s County Board of Education has announced that Dr. William R. Hite, Jr., will assume the role of Interim Superintendent on December 1, as outgoing superintendent Dr. John E. Deasy will depart on November 30.

A search plan for finding a new superintendent will be finalized as an administrative function of the school board

and a process established to invite and receive public input on the kind of person and leader parents and the community want for Prince George’s County Public Schools.

Hite, the current deputy superintendent, has been working with Deasy since he announced on September 30 that he would leave to join the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.